

REMARKS

This reply is in response to the restriction requirement dated Sept. 14, 2004 ("Second Restriction"). In one part, the restriction requests "[t]o avoid further confusion and to keep the record straight, applicants are urged present new set of claims embracing the pending claims indicated below with proper numbering. Examiner considers the claims 11-30, 47-49, 56-57, and 65-67 as pending claims." Applicants agree that the situation is somewhat complex. For example, as Applicants noted in their May 21, 2004, status inquiry:

As a matter of background, the present application was filed June 21, 2000, with 75 claims. An Office Action was mailed April 4, 2001. Due to a miscommunication regarding the propriety of a CPA application which Applicants attempted to file, the application received a Notice of Abandonment. After several communications, the application was revived, and a response to the restriction was proffered, electing Group V. The Office Action of August 27, 2002, which acknowledged election of Group V "in Paper 21," listed claims 1-75 as pending, with 11-30, 47-49, 56, 57, and 65-67 elected.

On January 21, 2003, Applicants filed a response (copy enclosed) to Office Action of August 27, 2002, along with the proper extension fee and a terminal disclaimer. The OIPE returned the postcard (copy enclosed) submitted with the response, date stamped "Jan 27, 2003."

Applicants do question whether any confusion exists, however. Applicants submit that the claims with the CPA were never entered, and thus, before entry of this response, the pending claims were those of the response of Jan. 21, 2003, as the Examiner appears to agree. The Second Restriction is applied to those claims as well, so there appears to be no confusion as to which claims were pending.

Applicants feel compelled to point out that the Second Restriction **should not have been applied to any claims other than independent claim 47**, and its dependent claims 48 and 49, **as the Formulae Ia and Ib were not found in claims 11-30, 56-57, and 65-67.**

Nonetheless, to aid the Examiner, Applicants have canceled claims 11-30, 47-49, 56-57, and 65-67 (without prejudice or disclaimer) and are now adding new claims 76- 110.

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Applicants have attempted to generally hew to the previously pending claims, but advise the Examiner that they have taken the opportunity to reorganize and rewrite claims to cover embodiments they wish to protect. Based on the previously grouped claims, Applicants believe they are still within the scope of the multiple compositions of Group V of the restriction requirement of April 4, 2001 ("First Restriction"; covering "Claims 11-30, 47-49, 56-57, and 65-67, drawn to multiple compositions"). Likewise, in claim 107, Applicants are pursuing a scope similar to the Examiner's Group I (i.e., X^{1d-4d} are carbon based).

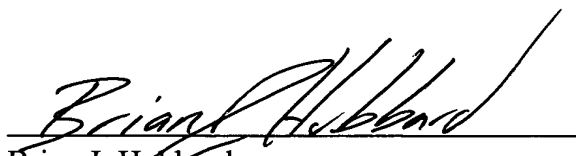
New Independent Claim 76 is similar to previous claim 11 in some respects, but also includes elements from previous dependent claim 65.

New Independent Claim 101 is similar to previous claim 47 in some respects, but is broader to mirror Claim 76, and its formulas now are recited in dependent claims.

The Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned if he has any questions.

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